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Convening Aquifer Exemption Discussions with California Oil and Gas Industry:

On July 7th, we will join California Division of Oil, Gas and Geothermal Resources and the State Water Board to discuss aquifer exemptions with oil and gas industry personnel in Bakersfield. The outreach sessions will provide an opportunity to answer questions about the aquifer exemption process, discuss roles and responsibilities of the state and federal agencies, and clarify upcoming regulatory deadlines. Agencies will hear from industry about their perspectives, specific concerns, and any suggestions for improvements to the current aquifer exemption review process.